



## **H.R. 1737 - City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2007**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 1737 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) March 28, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, but was not considered.

*\*Note: During the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) introduced similar legislation, H.R. 2334, City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act. The legislation passed the House of Representatives by voice vote on September 20, 2006. The Senate received the bill, but took no action.*

H.R. 1737 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 7, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.R. 1737 allows the Secretary of the Interior to participate in The Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT project) in Oxnard, California. This project would consist of a water recycling plant as well as a groundwater desalinization plant. Phase one would include designing, planning and construction of both facilities as currently planned.

### **Background**

Oxnard, California produces approximately 200,000 gallons of water each day for its residents. The area is also used by farmers for agricultural projects. The city's goal is to erect a groundwater desalinization plant that would produce roughly 15 million gallons of water for municipal use. Additionally it would help to raise the water levels in an area where they are depressed. The salt collected would then be used to help restore a local saltwater wetland. The city of Oxnard has already spent \$15 million of its own money and the federal share is estimated to be less than \$14 million.

### **Cost**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not scored this legislation.

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